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Entitled: OIL BASED WELL FLUIDS WITH HIGH SOLIDS CONTENT

Attorney Docket No. 11836.0720.NPUS00

Enclosed are:

- A specification including: 22 pages of disclosure, 6 page(s) of claims, and an Abstract.
- Drawings consisting of sheets.
- Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- An assignment of the invention to M-I LLC for recording.
- A statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 37 C.F.R. 1.27.
- An Information Disclosure Statement including FORM 1449 and the cited references.
- Additional Items including: a return receipt post card; Application Data Sheet, FORM 2038

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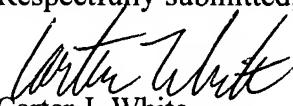
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